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LET US FIND THE CAUSE AND REMEDY

A few days ago the Capital Journal suggested that the Commercial Club would do well to appoint a committee to examine into the situation as to farming in the Willamette valley. It reiterates that suggestion. Salem is the center of a large and very rich agricultural section. The lands mostly are of the very best, the climate permits the successful cultivation of almost anything that will grow in the temperate zone, the farmers are intelligent and progressive as those anywhere, and yet it is conceded that the farmers are not as prosperous as they should be, and their investment in land is not yielding such returns as it should.

For this condition there are as many explanations as there are persons trying to explain. There is but one cause upon which there is a general consensus of opinion, and that is lack of markets.

If it is just lack of markets, is not the explanation rather that we do not grow the right products? Is not this phase of the matter well worth examining into? The trouble with the wheat grower is understood. The shipping trust has simply raised the charter rates enough to absorb all the extra price caused by the war. While wheat is worth from a half to two thirds more than usual in Europe, the price here is advanced but a trifle above normal. We know the cause there, but the remedy seems to be beyond us.

This may be the case, that is we may not be able to prescribe the remedy, even though we should get fully informed as to the disease, but it is certain that we can do nothing at all until we do know the cause. It may hurt some to discover this, but whatever it is, it will not hurt half so bad as the present uncertainty.

The Capital Journal would like to hear from the farmers on this subject and invites them to express their opinions on the subject, briefly as possible and without bitterness or sarcasm. Anger and harsh words butter no parsnips and get one nowhere.

If lands are too high let us demonstrate that fact. If we are growing crops for which the market is limited, let us find that out and tackle some other. Let us find out, if we can the nature of our trouble, and then remedy it, if we can.

DEAD THROUGH CRIMINAL CARELESSNESS

The burning to death of half a hundred children at Peabody yesterday sent a thrill of horror through the whole country. Caught in the terrible death trap of a building whose doors opened inward, with only an inch of wood between them and life, their poor little lives went out smothered in strangling smoke, or trampled beneath the feet of their frenzied fellow victims.

The heroic women, their teachers, risked their lives to save them, but in vain. And why was this terrible holocaust? There is but one answer and that is the criminal carelessness of those who built or owned the house and the worst than criminal negligence of those whose duty it was to enforce the law requiring that all doors in public buildings open outward, and that fire escapes be provided.

The terrible loss of life in the Iroquois theatre at Chicago was from a similar cause, and one would think that since that no sane person would permit such a fire trap. It can only be accounted for on the ground that those in charge of the building believed there was no danger. Yet there is always danger from fire.

Here in Salem we have a building of that kind now, and owned by no less a personage than the government of the United States, the Salem post office. True, there is little danger of it burning, yet its big south doors are very heavy and hard to open. The west door is of the turn style kind, that could easily be blocked should there be a panic, as then those inside would try to go out on each side of the gates.

It might easily happen in case of fire in that building

when it was crowded, that many lives would be lost. In the meanwhile if there are any other public buildings in the city whose doors open inward they should be reported and the building inspector should see that they are made to swing the other way. The cries of those little ones trapped behind an inswinging door, against which they beat their tiny hands in vain, should ring in the ears of those guilty of their death, so long as life remains to them.

Another case of American fad comes to light in the University of Pennsylvania where a young woman is experimenting with a colony of white rats, for the purpose of demonstrating that the marriage of blood relations, even of brother and sister, instead of being harmful may be actually beneficial. She is also trying to demonstrate that sex can be controlled before birth. The amount of intelligence the woman has is shown by her statement that if this sex control can be demonstrated, she will prescribe it for the warring nations of Europe, so that it may take the place of suggested polygamy. She does not seem to realize that this remedy for polygamy, if one is needed at all, is needed by the present generation that has already reached puberty. Nature will take care of the sex of the generations to come.

The salmon run in Grays Harbor, Washington, is a remarkably heavy one, the canneries being fairly swamped. Another indication of better times if some old combine or trust does not step in and take all the profits. There being a strong export demand the fellows with the ships will probably get their work in on the deal.

Just as a side issue let it be remarked that President Wilson's mother-in-law-to-be is Mrs. W. H. Bolling. By the way—that is to say—you understand that might also be the name of the grand mother—of course, that is, providing there is any occasion for a grand mother.

Lord Lansdowne, a day or two ago, gravely informed the British Peers that "the plight of the Serbian army is serious." He must have gotten hold of a week-old paper from this side of the Atlantic.

The Oregonian says "it has long been the true exponent of sound democratic doctrine." "Shades of Pope and Dryden! has it come to this?"

It is evident from his testimony in the New Haven railroad case, that that road lost out as a dividend payer by cutting the wrong Mellen.

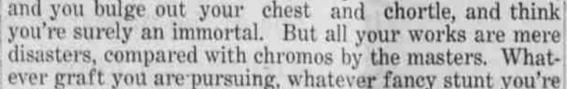


RIPPLING RHYMES

By Walt Mason

HUMILITY

Don't let your head swell up too greatly; don't let your stride be too blamed stately. For, though you rank with high class peaches, some other pebbles line the beaches. If into fame you think you're butting, be modest still, and do no strutting; whatever line of work you follow, some other chaps can beat you hollow. Perhaps you're writing fine romances, whose sale to figures huge advances; but when the pride within you quickens, remember Bulwer, Scott and Dickens; their fame will live till worlds grow hoary, and perished is your jimmerow glory. Perhaps you're painting class pictures, which have received more praise than strictures, and you bulge out your chest and chortle, and think you're surely an immortal. But all your works are mere disasters, compared with chromos by the masters. Whatever graft you are pursuing, whatever fancy stunt you're doing, it is becoming to be modest, for when your fame is at its broadest, it still looks cheap to men surrounding, beside great names, down ages sounding. No human being should envelope himself with majesty, and swell up, as though he had a halo o'er him—for greater men have gone before him.



HOW TO LOOK LESS THAN YOUR AGE

There are three golden rules that every woman who would ward off signs of advancing age, should follow:
1. Cultivate physical fitness. Those who understand the physiological effect of working, know this advice should be taken more seriously than it usually is.
2. Whenever the complexion begins to look worn or withered, use ordinary mercerized wax for a week or two. Apply nightly like cold cream, erasing it mornings with warm water. This gradually absorbs the thin film of surface skin, revealing the fresher and younger skin underneath. An ounce of the wax, obtainable at any drug store, is enough to rejuvenate any complexion.
3. When the toll-take wrinkles appear, or cheek and chin muscles begin to sag, bathe the face once a day for awhile in a solution of powdered saxolite, 1 oz. dissolved in 1 1/2 pint of water. This has a remarkable effect in "firming up" and smoothing out the skin.

RIDDLE PRAISES GOATS

(Polk County Observer.)
William Riddle and sons of Mouth have had excellent results in Angora goat raising on their large ranches. According to Mr. Riddle the goats will require hay and grain throughout this winter as a result of the prolonged dry weather through the summer, but all this considered, the goats are profitable as land clearers and as money earners. Most of the bucks raised on the Riddell holdings were shipped to Texas this year, where there is a continued demand for good stock. The kids are an exceptionally healthy lot and Mr. Riddle expects a fine herd next spring. "People will begin to realize generally the need of goats on the ranch," he says, "as one can hardly realize how the brush gains headway without them. To get the best results in clearing brush off land they should be pastured with some other stock, such as sheep or cattle."

FLEW THOUSANDS OF FEET HIGH

New York, Oct. 28.—J. Kendrick, en route to Cape Hatteras, flew over the city thousands of feet up this afternoon. He passed the New Jersey point where he was supposed to take fuel.

PATHETIC EVIDENCE OF PITIFUL TRAGEDY

Row of Burned and Twisted Bodies of Little Victims in City Morgue

Peabody, Mass., Oct. 29.—The dim light in Peabody's gloomy morgue shone today on a ghastly sight—the half burned, twisted corpses of 19 child victims of the holocaust in St. John's parochial school yesterday. Two other little bodies lay in St. Thomas' hospital morgue, the victims of burns and shock in the pupils' mad flight for safety. The ashes of yet another are believed to be mingled with the debris inside the fire-wrecked walls of the school.

Though firemen yesterday reported that 27 bodies had been recovered, a checking up process today showed that the total casualties were 23, including the body of a child believed incinerated inside the building.

Crepe decorated doors and silex groups of children completed the most pitiful child tragedy ever known in Massachusetts. A dozen Hallowe'en parties at which many of the parochial school children were to have been the guests, have been cancelled.

The children instead will be trauging home from funerals of their little playmates on hallowe'en.

State investigators poked through the ruins of the fire trap to discover the origin of the fire. They believe it started in a closet underneath the basement stairs, and curled upward in an awful blast which shut off the exit of many.

The state authorities laid the blame on local officials for the fact that there were no fire escapes by which the nearly 700 children could make rapid, safe egress, and further for the fact that the doors behind which several tiny forms were crushed and trampled opened in ward.

HEAVY MEAT EATERS HAVE SLOW KIDNEYS

Eat Less Meat If You Feel Backachy or Have Bladder Trouble—Take Glass of Salts

No man or woman who eats meat regularly can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well known authority. Meat forms uric acid which excites the kidneys, they become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood, then we get sick. Nearly all rheumatism, headache, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders come from sluggish kidneys. The moment you feel a dull ache in the kidneys or your back hurts or if the urine is cloudy, offensive, full of sediment, irregular of passage or attended by a sensation of scalding, stop eating meat and get about four ounces of Jael Salts from any pharmacy; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast and in a few days your kidneys will get free. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate the kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine so it no longer causes irritation, thus ending bladder weakness.

Jael Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure; makes a delightful effervescent should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and active and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

STAYTON NEWS

Miss Zetta Smith, of The Dalles, was in town this week on business.

Mrs. Fred McIntyre, of Salem, was a guest at the McIntyre home west of town the first of the week.

Jos. Ripp, of Sublimity, was a caller last week, securing some pedigree blanks for his Belgian hares.

Mrs. J. P. Peery and Celta went to Salem Friday for a visit with friends and relatives. They are expected home this evening.

Mrs. L. S. Lambert, Mrs. N. Goyer, and A. P. Kirsch and daughter, Frances visited the Aumville Grange last week, reporting an interesting session.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Lambert attended a meeting of the Eastern Star at Turner Wednesday evening last, much enjoying the visit.

Karl Peters has rented the Ves Downing place, southeast of town, and he and his son will run it the coming year.

A. F. Schindler, Peter Fiedler and Andy Rauscher are home from Central Washington, where they erected a house on a ranch belonging to Mr. Rauscher.

W. W. Elder and wife left the first of the week for the exposition. They will be joined at Roseburg by their daughter, Grace, who will accompany them.

Miss Bertha Klünger, daughter of the well known capitalist of Salem, Maurice Klünger, was in Stayton last Saturday accompanied by relatives who live near Aumville, with whom the Salem young woman is visiting.

Mr. and Mrs. Daphne Glover, of Portland, Mrs. Velma Glover Hill and son Frank, Mrs. Nellie White and son Delbert, of Salem, spent Tuesday at the home of their aunt, Mrs. L. S. Lam-

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DARKEN GRAY HAIR, LOOK YOUNG, PREVENT

Almost everyone knows the hair and Sulphur, properly combined, brings back the natural color to the hair when faded, thinning, gray; also ends dandruff, itching, and stops falling hair. Years ago only way to get this mixture was to make it at home, which is somewhat troublesome. Nowdays, by using any drug store for "Wyle's Sulphur Compound," you will get a large bottle of this famous oil for about 50 cents.

Don't stay gray! Try it! You can possibly tell that you are losing your hair, as it does it so naturally. You dampen a sponge or brush with it and draw the color over your hair taking one small strand at a time; by morning the gray has disappeared, and after another application, two, your hair becomes lustrous, dark, thick and glossy.

Word from Mrs. E. D. Alexander, who left the 14th for her old home in Iowa, states that her mother died the day after she left Stayton. The funeral occurred the day after her arrival. The deceased was 77 years of age, and passed away on her birthday from heart trouble.

Several of Dr. G. E. Korinek's friends surprised him on Thursday evening in honor of his birthday. Cards and music furnished the evening's entertainment. Those present were: Theo. Rizzo, John Thoma, Wm. Petzel, John Mielke, Guy Kearns, Dr. Sand, E. D. Alexander, S. H. Heltzel and John Downing.

H. E. Bennett who has successfully superintended the M. E. Sunday school of this city for some time has returned from that position on account of the pressure of other duties. Mr. Bennett suggested to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Lockhart, that he appoint W. H. Fuson, to the position. His suggestion was acted upon by the new minister at the Sunday School Board meeting held Monday night. Mr. Fuson, who lives a few miles out of the city will probably enter upon his duties next Sunday.

"Double the Attendance by Christmas" is reported to be the slogan of the Methodist Sunday school governors.—Standard.

Austin, Texas, Oct. 29.—Ferguson today received news from General Carranza and General Ballero, both dated Torreon, giving assurance that they will co-operate with the Texas authorities in suppressing lawlessness of Mexican bands on the border.

Ferguson yesterday sought from Wilson's aid to get such respect from Carranza.

The household helper wife needs can be found in through the Journal Ad.

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